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RE: Proposed Amendment of Land Use Permit
(LP #022026) for Bulk Materials Processing Center
and Related Actions at the West Contra Costa
Sanitary Landfill

This letter is in response to the proposed landfill use permit modifications and to express our opposition to the expansion or modification of the Sanitary Landfill land use permit.

When we purchased 21 and 45 Parr Blvd. in 1988 we were told the landfill would close in 2 to 4 years once it was filled. The landfill has stayed open longer, probably due to recycling programs, but now it is full and we want it closed as previously promised and planned.

The specific reasons, we do not support the continued operation of the landfill is as follows:

1) Roadway Dirt- Parr Blvd is covered in dust and dirt from the landfill road and operations. This dirt is on the roads, which turns to mud. You can see the effects on the Richmond Parkway around the Parr Blvd. intersection. Recently public works crews were cleaning this up so the issue has been mitigated, but the cause still exists. You can drive the Richmond Parkway and see the deposited dirt and mud in the roadway gutters.

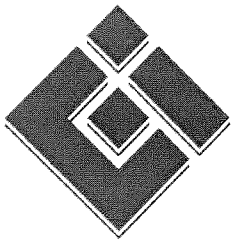
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2) Storm Water Pollution- The dirt and dust stay on the roads until the rains and this flows into the storm drain system. This dirty/dusty water flows into the creeks and bay depositing the soils, some of which must contain pollutants. In addition, several years ago, the County made a big push on dirt and dust getting into our storm water. Is this no longer an issue?

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3) Dust and Airborne Pollution- The landfill is the only unpaved facility around our operations. We have a dust problem in and around our building. I have enclosed photos of our warehouse mezzanine showing the dust on the handrail. Another photo shows the dust from the exhaust fans in our restrooms. We continuously clean during the summer months to reduce dust and dirt contamination.

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4) Traffic- We have hundreds of vehicles that drive in front of our building going to the landfill. We have had situations where we could not safely exit due to vehicles speeding. In addition, several times each year, the landfill opens late so traffic backs up along Parr Blvd. and stops our employees from entering our driveway and our company vehicles can't exit due to our driveway being blocked with trucks waiting for the gates to open.

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5) Trash and Dumping- Parr Blvd. has turned into a dumping ground of trash, vehicles, and other materials. Some of this trash blows off the vehicles due to tarps not being used. Others come from people illegally dumping because the landfill is closed.

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6) Abandoned vehicles- The County has received numerous calls from me due to the abandonment of vehicles on Parr Blvd. I believe the landfill is the cause because they believe someone else will clean it up. We constantly have vehicles left on the roadway broken down filled with trash. Attached is a recent photo taken December 19, 2003. This vehicle has been here 4 days. The County just cleaned this up. The week before another vehicle was left, which were shown to County Supervisor John Gioia and Sheriff's Department staff Under Sheriff Ron Jarrell and Lt. Juroid De Vaull at a meeting at my office.

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In closing, the landfill is not a good neighbor. They do nothing to help clean the area up and help deal with the previously mentioned issues.

In addition, our tenant, the Hertz Corporation has also complained to me about all the dust, dirt and garbage in the area. They sometimes must re-wash a piece of equipment, so it's clean before it goes out on rent, even though they wash it when it's returned from its previous rental.

I am concerned Hertz may not continue to lease their space if these issues are not resolved.

Again for the above reasons, we hope this permit is not approved.

Very truly yours,

ELECTRONIC INNOVATIONS, INC.

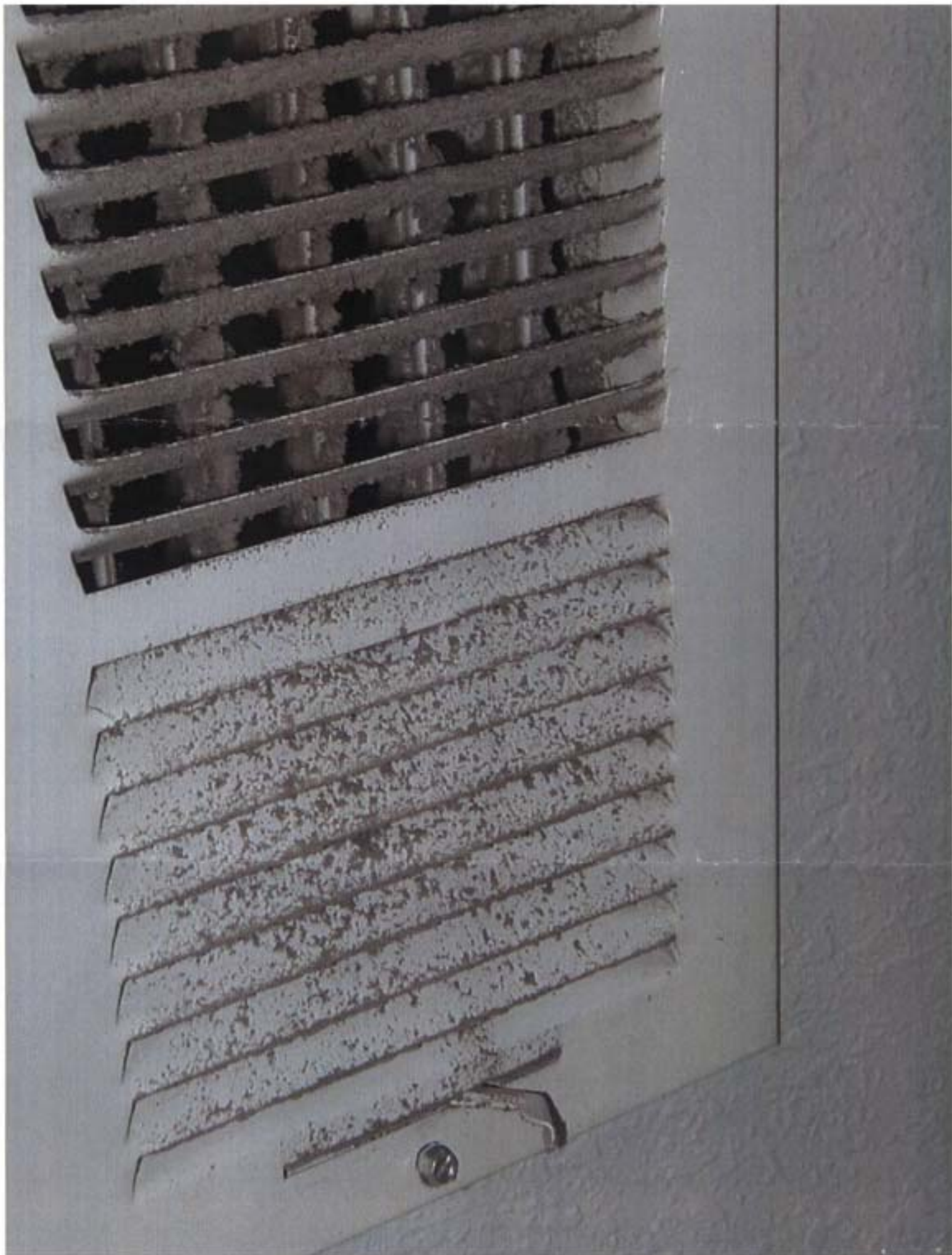
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